



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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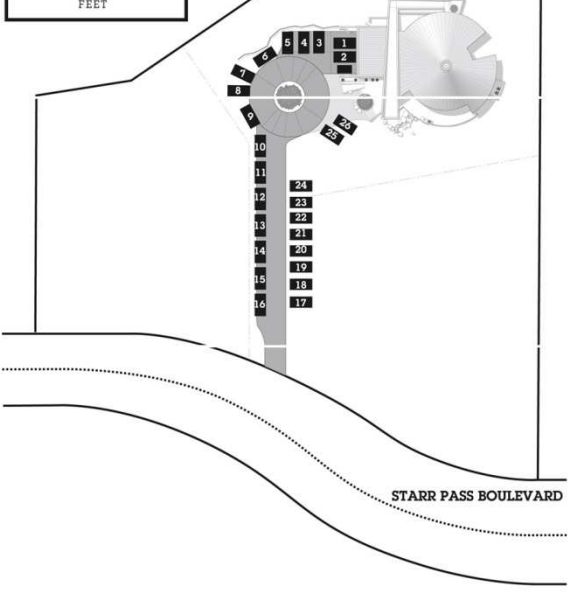
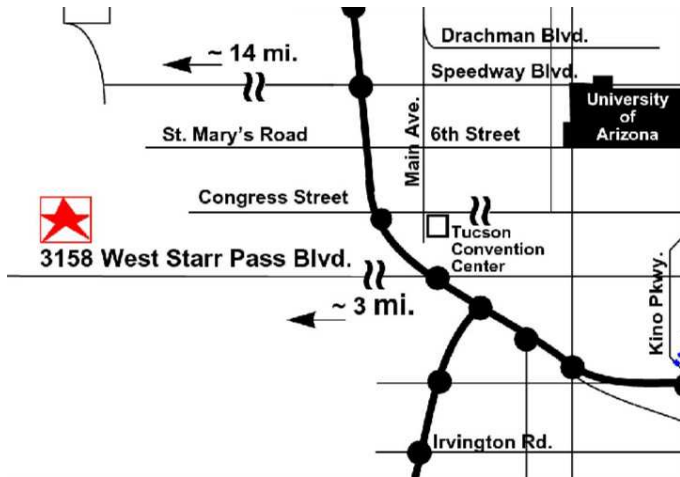
September 1, 2014

TGRS Meeting September 13

Where: Cairndhu – Dr. Jim White's Home
 3158 W. Starr Pass Blvd.
 Time: Phone 770-9278
 Socializing starts at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.
 Jim is a TGRS Buff and has an automated switcher shuttling model trucks back and forth in his Great Room. Driving directions, go west on Starr Pass Blvd. about three miles from I-10.
 BTW: You can learn more about Jim's computer controlled talking home from his website:
www.cairndhu.com



South Patio Dining



Cairndhu

At the meeting there will be a drawing for a structure made by Gary Martin.

Social Luncheon

A few of our members should be back from summer adventures, so hopefully they will have some tales to tell.

How about our usual place; The Red Garter Saloon, located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club. The food and service there is always excellent, that is why we keep going back.

The date is Wednesday September 17th. Pool at 11:00 a.m., or be there at noon for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

Saturday evenings at Tucson Botanical Gardens.

Weather was nice, refreshments were good and the crowds were pleasant. Thanks to the volunteers: Joplins, Blackwells, Millers, Taylors, Conrads and Martins.

TGRS General Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin.

General meeting minutes of May 17th were approved as posted.

Treasurer's report submitted by Ruth Taylor and reported in her absence by Gary Martin showed a checking balance of \$11,123, savings balance of \$17,227 for a total of \$28,350. Revenues from 5/16/14 is \$305. Expenses from 5/16/14 is \$1,443 leaving a deficit of \$1,138. Year to date 2013/2014 is \$11,186. Expenses are \$9,981 leaving a net revenue of \$1,204. Dues for 2013/2014 are \$2,505 and for 2014/2015 are \$510.

Willis Fagg followed up on the swap meet reporting it went well and thanked Glenn Mitchell for stepping in when he got sick. Willis also discussed the options for setting up the train at the VA hospital in December. It will be necessary to work out the best option with the VA. Willis also reported that there will be no Christmas in July this year at the Children's Diamond Hospital as their personnel is not available to plan it.

Newsletter - Nick Buchholz announced he would do a newsletter in July to accommodate articles that did not make June's, however, since we do not have meetings in July and August there will be no newsletter in August. Everyone should note the September 13th meeting now.

Committee Reports

Clinics - Gary is looking for someone to do the clinic at the Sept. 13th meeting.

Offsite Projects

Tucson Botanical Gardens- Bob Conrad and Gary are keeping the trains running. It is doing well.

Diamond Children's Hospital - Glenn Mitchell reported things are running fine.

Tucson Children's Museum - waiting for a sound system for one of the engines.

Rodeo Museum - closed for the summer. Will open sometime before the rodeo. Allen brought up the history of the joining point of the Eastern and Southern Pacific in Sierra Blanca, east of El Paso. Few people know about its existence.

Maintenance - Gary has purchased some parts, recommended that when parts are purchased to buy two as they are becoming difficult to come by.

Mentor - Nick Buchholz still has not received an e-mail from a member who wanted to be mentored.

Social - The social luncheon this month was well attended with more than twenty people attending. Lunches will probably continue to be held at the Red Garter as the service and food is good.

Old Business

Awards program - Norm Ulmer discussed how the addition of the Golden Spike Awards to our awards program works. It is a one time presentation that puts the participant in a lifetime recognition program. It is better explained in the new handbook that is now published on the website.

TGRS Handbook - Is now available on the website and is open for suggestions on revisions, etc. By-laws have not been changed as the process is too complicated.

ABTO - The round about with Phoenix is in Tucson this year and is on Nov. 1st.

RAILS IN THE GARDEN - is a free event this year eliminating the need for ticket sales, etc. There will be as many layouts as available and organized by area throughout the city. This will cut down considerably on club member helpers. Hosts may need to depend on friends and neighbors for help.

Gadsden Pacific - Closed for the summer.

New Business

Tucson Botanical Garden - Having Sunset Saturdays, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27th.

Richie's Walk - This is a well sponsored event being held Nov. 7th at Flowing Wells High School benefiting disabled children. It was decided that we participate probably between 9:30 and 11:30 setting up the children's layout. The event was started by the mother of Richie Fontaine who was disabled and died at the age of 49 from cancer.

Gary mentioned that we check out the wall murals that Blackwells had painted. Pictures are on the internet. Worth looking at.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Somerhalder

Secretary

Rail Fans Trip to China

April 22 - May 7, 2014

Part 2

After several amazing days in Shanghai, we were off to Beijing via the Jinghu High-Speed Railway. This was the second train adventure on this trip. Construction of the bullet train line began in 2008 and was completed in 2010. It was open to the public for commercial service in June of 2011. The train travels at a speed of 186 mph or 155 mph depending on the stops. There are 24 stations along this line, also 244 bridges. (Along this route, in 1933, a train ride took 44 hours with an average of 33 mph.)



Originally the trip was scheduled to take 3 hours and 58 minutes at 204 mph but because of cost the speed was reduced and it took us about 5 hours to go the 809 miles from Shanghai to Beijing.



The beautiful, sleek train runs smoothly and is very comfortable. The railway stations were modern and efficient. We enjoyed the ride as we observed the countryside and small villages along the way. Traveling by train is a great way to see the land formations and the farmers as they go about their daily work. I look forward to writing about train trip 3 and 4 in future TGRS newsletters



(For those of you who did not read my first article, twenty five people from Phoenix and Tucson rode trains on a Rail Fans Trip to China. This is the ninth trip that Gary and I have taken with Rich Hull who organizes these train adventures. Members of ABTO and TGRS were among the travelers.)

Open House Party at the Cactus Patch Railroad

From John Carmichael and Phil Pappas

We would like to invite all TGRS members to an evening open house party featuring The Cholla Patch Railroad on October 4th between 6pm and 8pm.

Phil's version of "light" refreshments, wine and beer will be available. (Hint: Don't have dinner before you come).

Enjoy an early evening of railroad viewing, railroad music, and railroad camaraderie.

New to our layout since fall of last year are the following big improvements:

- 1) 150 ft. of new complex wood trestles with safety walkways and platforms
- 2) New automated LED signal lights from South Bend Signals and Shiloh Signals (they look best at night)
- 3) 200 ft. of new railroad viewing and nature trail with additional seating area for guests.
- 4) Tons and tons of new natural rock landscaping on and around the railroad.
- 5) DCC controlled engines with MTH sound. (MTH Triplex and MTH F-3 and F-7) and others- at the same time!
- 6) A surprise new hand-made railroad structure that will blow your mind (if I get it finished on time)

Please RSVP by Sept. 20.

When: October 4th between 6pm and 8pm.

Where: 925 E. Foothills Dr.,

(near 1st Ave & River Road)

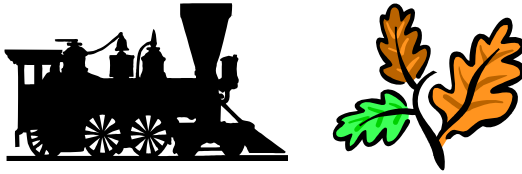
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Cactus Patch Railroad photos:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/jlcmichael/>



ALL ABOARD

You are invited to the 11th annual

Open House

AT

Gary and Peggy Martin's

Eagle Mountain Garden Railroad

Date: Saturday, November 08, 2014

Place: 625 E. Cerro de Aguila, Tucson Az.

1. General Open House 10:00AM to 3:00PM
Open to general public
2. TGRS November Meeting will be begin at 3.00pm
3. Food and beverages will be served after 4:00PM for club members, their families, and other special guests.
4. If you plan to stay for the food and beverages,
please **RSVP by November 04th with numbers who plan to attend.**

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The Tucson Garden Railway Society is a non-profit corporation incorporated in Pima County, Arizona. Society members are interested in all areas of garden and modular large scale railroading. We welcome new members and hope you will consider joining. Members help each other build layouts and learn about railroading and modeling. The TGRS dues are \$30.00 per year and are due on June 30th of each year. For new members dues are pro-rated at \$2.50 per month remaining in the year until June 30th, the first year. Additional name badges cost \$1.00 for each badge after the first.

If you are interested in the TGRS please contact one of the officers at the e-mails listed below. If you wish to join immediately, send a check and your name, address and telephone number and the names for any additional badges to:

Jerry Tulino
6911 E. Baker St.
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Calendar

September 11, 2014 - Board Meeting - Martin's

September 13, 2014

General meeting at Dr. White's Home

October 4th, 2014

Open House Party by John Carmichael/Phil Pappas
from 6pm to 8pm

October 9, 2014 - Board meeting - Martin's

October 18, 2014

General meeting at the Fennema's, 10:00 AM

November 1, 2014 - ABTO touring TGRS layouts

November 6, 2014 - Board meeting - Martin's

November 8, 2014

Open house at Martin's, TGRS meeting at 3:00 PM

November 14/15, 2014 - TTOM Swap meet

December 4, 2014 - Board meeting - Martin's

December 6, 2014 - Luncheon at Golden Corral, 12:00 PM

December 26, 29-31, 2014 - Setup and run trains at the VA

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